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Sri A. A. RASHEED : Is it not a fact that unmarried nurses are more efficient in the discharge of their duties?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, since they have no distractions by others.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : Is it not a fact that married nurses are working properly in private hospitals and if so, will the Government make it compulsory for all unmarried nurses working in Government hospitals to marry?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know why it should be made compulsory. In the case of married personnel, there is one difficulty. Very often the question of maternity leave arises.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of persons who have been allowed to marry while in service in Government hospitals?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not have figures. They are not allowed to marry during the contract period of service. Afterwards they are allowed to marry.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know the reason for prohibiting marriage of nurses, apart from the one given by the Hon. Minister?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : We require undivided attention to the patients. In the case of married nurses, there is division of affection.

Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கல்யாணம் ஆகாத நர்ஸுகளை அனுமதிப்பதினால், அந்த ‘மெடர்னிடி’ பற்றி அனுபவ பூர்வமாக அவர்களுக்கு ஒரு அனுபவமும் ஏற்படாது என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் உணருகிறார்களா ? ஆகவே, கல்யாணம் செய்து கொள்ளாத அளவுக்கு அனுமதிக்கிற காரணத்தினால், தவறுகள் ஏற்படும் என்பதை உணர்ந்து எல்லோருக்குமே கல்யாணம் செய்துகொள்வதற்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படுமா ?

(பதில் இல்லை.)

Hospital workers (weekly holidays)

* 1161 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Government Order Ms. No. 2565, Health, dated 11th August 1959 was issued stating that weekly holidays should be given to hospital workers in the City;

(*b*) if so, whether it is being implemented;

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*d*) when it will be implemented?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.